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SUBJECT: KISSINGER TRIP

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA -- DEC. 14 -- SECRETARY OF  
STATE KISSINGER AFTER FIVE HOURS OF TALKS ALONE WITH  
EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT BELIEVES THAT AN  
ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE CONFERENCE IS AT HAND.

A HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL ABOARD DR. KISSINGER'S  
PLANE AS IT FLEW FROM CAIRO TO RIYADH DEC. 14, SAID  
IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN  
PRECEPTIONS ARE IN THE NEGOTIATING RANGE.

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REPORTING ON DR. KISSINGER'S VIEWS, THE U.S. OFFICIAL SAID THE FOCUS IN THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE PHASE OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE WHICH IS PROJECTED FOR DEC. 18 IN GENEVA WILL BE ON THE DISENGAGEMENT OF THE MILITARY FORCES OF ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

DR. KISSINGER ARRIVED IN RIYADH ON THE EVENING OF DEC. 14 AFTER SPENDING PART OF DEC. 13-14 IN INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS IN CAIRO WITH PRESIDENT SADAT.

IN RIYADH, DR. KISSINGER WANTS TO REVIEW THE GENERAL PRE-CONFERENCE SITUATION WITH KING FAISAL.

DR. KISSINGER WILL GO TO ISRAEL DEC. 16-17 AFTER VISITING SYRIA, LEBANON AND JORDAN ON HIS SECOND PEACE MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE NOVEMBER.

HE WANT DIRECTLY FROM RIYADH AIRPORT TO THE PALACE FOR A DISCUSSION WITH KING FAISAL.

IN CAIRO, PRESIDENT SADAT SAID THAT HIS TALKS WITH DR. KISSINGER HAD BEEN "LONG AND FRUITFUL." THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT TOLD NEWDMEN HIS COUNTRY WOULD GO INTO AN ARAB-ISRAELI CONFERENCE IN THE "SPIRIT OF PEACE."

TALKING TO THE PRESS AT THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S SUMMER REST HOME 20 MILES OUTSIDE CAIRO, WHERE THEIR MEETINGS TOOK PLACE, BOTH MEN SEEMED SATISFIED WITH THEIR CONSULTATIONS.

DR. KISSINGER SAID HE HAD CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT SADAT THE BEST WISHES OF PRESIDENT NIXON.

THE HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL TRAVELLING WITH DR. KISSINGER DID NOT EXPECT THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTED NEXT WEEK WHEN THE PEACE CONFERENCE IS ANTICIPATED TO OPEN. THE OFFICIAL DESCRIBED THE OIL CUT-BACK AS A DELICATE PROBLEM FOR ALL  
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THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT DR. KISSINGER BELIEVED PRESIDENT SADAT COULD EASILY HAVE TAKEN THE APPROACH OF A DEMOGOGUE ON NEGOTIATING WITH THE ISRAELIS.

BUT IT WAS SAID THAT THE EGYPTIAN LEADER, IN

THE U.S. VIEW, HAS LISTENED TO ARGUMENTS OF  
WHAT COULD BE REASONABLE EXPECTED IN NEGOTIATIONS.  
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